

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 086570
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/IAI:GDKULICK:LHW
APPROVED BY NEA:MSTERNER
EUR/RPE:RHOMME
S/S-O: LRFLEISCHER

-----110258 042202Z /64

O R 042147Z APR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY DUBLIN
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY ROME
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 086570

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, XF, EUR

SUBJECT: U.S.-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: BRIEFING ON MIDDLE
EAST

1. AT HIS REQUEST, DANISH CHARGE KIMBERG CALLED ON NEA
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STERNER FOR BRIEFING ON MIDDLE
EAST STATE OF PLAY, PREPARATORY TO EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 086570

MEETING. HE HAD EARLIER RECEIVED BRIEFING ON BEGIN VISIT
BY QUANDT AT NSC. STERNER SAID THAT WHILE WE ARE STILL
AWAITING A DEFINITIVE READING ON WEIZMAN'S TRIP TO CAIRO,
OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION IS THAT NOT MUCH WAS ACCOM-
PLISHED. EGYPTIANS TOLD US WEIZMAN TOOK NO NEW PROPOSALS
WITH HIM, BY WHICH THEY PRESUMABLY MEANT NOTHING OF THE
DRAMATIC NATURE WHICH SADAT IS LOOKING FOR. ISRAEL

SOUGHT TO RESUME THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES SET UP AT ISMAILIA, BUT EGYPT DECLINED, AS LONG AS PROGRESS ON REACHING A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES REMAINS BLOCKED. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE SADAT WANTS TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS GOING.

2. STERNER SAID THAT THE "NEW" DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH DAYAN PRESENTED TO VANCE CONTAINED LITTLE THAT WAS IN FACT NEW AND WAS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THE VERSION THAT WAS CURRENT DURING THE LAST ATHERTON

SHUTTLE. ATHERTON IS READY TO RESUME HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS WHENEVER THERE APPEARS TO BE A BASIS FOR PROGRESS, BUT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE THAT HE COULD ACCOMPLISH UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

3. KIMBERG ASKED HOW WE EVALUATED THE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON EACH SIDE. STERNER REPLIED THAT WE BELIEVE THAT EGYPT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE VERY CLOSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASWAN STATEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAEL'S RECENT STATEMENTS THAT RESOLUTION 242 DOES NOT REQUIRE WITHDRAWAL ON THE WEST BANK SUGGESTS MORE OF A PROBLEM ON THE ISRAELI SIDE.

4. KIMBERG ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 086570

SOUTH LEBANON WOULD NOT DETER EGYPT FROM RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. STERNER SAID THAT WE HAD NOT EXPECTED SADAT TO AGREE TO RECEIVE WEIZMAN UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS, BUT SADAT INDICATED THAT HE ACCEPTED WEIZMAN'S ASSURANCES THAT ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM LEBANON. ON THE OTHER HAND, SADAT MAY BE DETERRED FROM REACHING AN ACCORD ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES UNTIL THAT WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED. AS FAR AS THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE U.S. ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE AWAITING THE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS.

5. STERNER ASKED KIMBERG IF A NEW STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS LIKELY TO EMANATE FROM THE UPCOMING EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. KIMBERG SAID THAT DESPITE EGYPT'S REQUEST FOR SUCH A STATEMENT, THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE NINE IS THAT THE U.S. HAS AND SHOULD KEEP THE LEAD IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE USEFUL TO ADD BY WAY OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT. HE NOTED A HIGHER DEGREE OF UNANIMITY AMONG THE NINE ON THIS ISSUE THAN IN THE PAST. IN FACT, IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING

AT ALL, SINCE NO AGENDA OF POLITICAL TOPICS IS SET IN
ADVANCE.
VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 086570
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: EUR/RPM:TMSAVAGE
EUR:MPARRISS
NEA/RA:JMONTVILLE
S/S-O:CASTRODALE
EUR/RPM:SJLEDOGAR

-----029032 070337Z /65

P 070240Z APR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USMISSION USNATO PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 086570

EXDIS

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 086570 SENT ACTION COPENHAGEN, LUXEMBOURG
INFO BONN, BRUSSELS, DUBLIN, LONDON, PARIS, ROME, THE HAGUE,
CAIRO, TEL AVIV 04 APR 78

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 086570

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, XF, EUR

SUBJECT: U.S.-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: BRIEFING ON MIDDLE
EAST

1. AT HIS REQUEST, DANISH CHARGE KIMBERG CALLED ON NEA
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STERNER FOR BRIEFING ON MIDDLE
EAST STATE OF PLAY, PREPARATORY TO EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 086570

MEETING. HE HAD EARLIER RECEIVED BRIEFING ON BEGIN VISIT BY QUANDT AT NSC. STERNER SAID THAT WHILE WE ARE STILL AWAITING A DEFINITIVE READING ON WEIZMAN'S TRIP TO CAIRO, OUR PRELIMINARY IMPRESSION IS THAT NOT MUCH WAS ACCOMPLISHED. EGYPTIANS TOLD US WEIZMAN TOOK NO NEW PROPOSALS WITH HIM, BY WHICH THEY PRESUMABLY MEANT NOTHING OF THE DRAMATIC NATURE WHICH SADAT IS LOOKING FOR. ISRAEL SOUGHT TO RESUME THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES SET UP AT ISMAILIA, BUT EGYPT DECLINED, AS LONG AS PROGRESS ON REACHING A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES REMAINS BLOCKED. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE SADAT WANTS TO KEEP THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS GOING.

2. STERNER SAID THAT THE "NEW" DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES WHICH DAYAN PRESENTED TO VANCE CONTAINED LITTLE THAT WAS IN FACT NEW AND WAS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THE VERSION THAT WAS CURRENT DURING THE LAST ATHERTON

SHUTTLE. ATHERTON IS READY TO RESUME HIS MEDIATION EFFORTS WHENEVER THERE APPEARS TO BE A BASIS FOR PROGRESS, BUT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE THAT HE COULD ACCOMPLISH UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS.

3. KIMBERG ASKED HOW WE EVALUATED THE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON EACH SIDE. STERNER REPLIED THAT WE BELIEVE THAT EGYPT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE VERY CLOSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASWAN STATEMENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, ISRAEL'S RECENT STATEMENTS THAT RESOLUTION 242 DOES NOT REQUIRE WITHDRAWAL ON THE WEST BANK SUGGESTS MORE OF A PROBLEM ON THE ISRAELI SIDE.

4. KIMBERG ASKED WHETHER ISRAEL'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 086570

SOUTH LEBANON WOULD NOT DETER EGYPT FROM RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS. STERNER SAID THAT WE HAD NOT EXPECTED SADAT TO AGREE TO RECEIVE WEIZMAN UNDER THOSE CONDITIONS, BUT SADAT INDICATED THAT HE ACCEPTED WEIZMAN'S ASSURANCES THAT ISRAEL WOULD WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM LEBANON. ON THE OTHER HAND, SADAT MAY BE DETERRED FROM REACHING AN ACCORD ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES UNTIL THAT WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED. AS FAR AS THE NEXT STEPS FOR THE U.S. ARE CONCERNED, WE ARE AWAITING THE RETURN OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISIONS.

5. STERNER ASKED KIMBERG IF A NEW STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS LIKELY TO EMANATE FROM THE UPCOMING EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING. KIMBERG SAID THAT DESPITE EGYPT'S REQUEST FOR SUCH A STATEMENT, THE CONSENSUS AMONG THE NINE IS THAT THE U.S. HAS AND SHOULD KEEP THE LEAD IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND THAT THEY HAVE LITTLE USEFUL TO ADD BY WAY OF A PUBLIC STATEMENT. HE NOTED A HIGHER DEGREE OF UNANIMITY AMONG THE NINE ON THIS ISSUE THAN IN THE PAST. IN FACT, IT WAS NOT CLEAR THAT THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING AT ALL, SINCE NO AGENDA OF POLITICAL TOPICS IS SET IN ADVANCE.

VANCE

UNQUOTE VANCE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DEBRIEFINGS, PLANNING MEETINGS, SUMMIT MEETINGS, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE086570
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: GDKULICK:LHW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780145-1061
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780493/aaaadbku.tel
Line Count: 240
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: d7147db6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3077474
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: U.S.-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: BRIEFING ON MIDDLE EAST
TAGS: PEPR, XF, US, DA, LE, IS, EG
To: COPENHAGEN LUXEMBOURG
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/d7147db6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014